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FM AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6581

INFO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY BRAZILIA PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA PRIORITY

CONGEN GUAYAQUIL PRIORITY 0027

AMEMBASSY MANAGUA PRIORITY

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TAGS: ETRD, PFOR, XK

SUBJ: C.A. HEADS OF STATE ISSUE STATEMENT ON BANANAS

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 1084 AND STATE 053281

1. CHIEFS OF STATE LOPEZ ARELLANO, TORRIJOS, SOMOZA, AND FIGUERES ISSUED STATEMENT MARCH 15 SUMMARIZING THEIR DISCUSSIONS IN TEGUCIGALPA MARCH 14 RE BANANA ISSUE AND LISTING FOLLOWING AS MAJOR DECISIONS AGREED UPON:

(A) RATIFICATION OF RECENT PANAMA ACCORD ON BANANAS;  
(B) ESTABLISHMENT OF EXPORT SURCHARGE OF U.S. \$.025 PER POUND OF 454 GRAMS; (C) SURCHARGE TO BECOME EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 1974, (D) EACH COUNTRY TO SELECT THE MOST EFFECTIVE  
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MECHANISM IN LINE WITH ITS OWN INTERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE

AND LEGAL STRUCTURE TO PUT THE SURCHARGE INTO FORCE;  
(E) ACCELERATE CREATION OF UNION OF BANANA EXPORTING  
COUNTRIES; (F) PROPOSE TO ECUADORAN GOVERNMENT THAT THE  
ACCORD ESTABLISHING THIS UNION BE SIGNED IN THE CITY OF  
GUAYAQUIL, IF POSSIBLE IN APRIL 1974; (G) AUTHORIZE  
RESPECTIVE MINISTERS TO COMMUNICATE THE DECISIONS REACHED  
TO THE BANANA EXPORTING COMPANIES.

2. STATEMENT RECOGNIZES SPECIAL SITUATION OF ECUADOR WHICH  
LED TO ESTABLISHMENT OF LOWER MARGIN FOR THE EXPORT  
SURCHARGE IN THE AGREEMENT REACHED IN PANAMA AND ADDS THAT  
ECUADORAN AMBASSADOR TO HONDURAS WAS AUTHORIZED ATTEND THIS  
SESSION WITH THE CHIEFS OF STATE. STATEMENT ALSO SAYS  
GEN. ARANA OF GUATEMALA INFORMED TELEPHONICALLY OF OUTCOME  
OF TALKS AND THAT HE MANIFESTED TOTAL SUPPORT. COLOMBIAN  
GOVERNMENT ALSO INFORMED OF TALKS.

3. LOCAL REACTION BANANA EXPORTING COMPANIES, PARTICULARLY  
STANDARD FRUIT, FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.  
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